

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claim 1 was pending in this application. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-21 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-21 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment. Support for new independent claims 2, 15, and 20 can be found, for example, at page 12, paragraph [0040] of the present application. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,092,194 by Touboul (hereinafter "Touboul"). Claim 1 has been cancelled. To the extent this rejection might still be applied to claims presently pending in this application, it is respectfully traversed. Claims 2-21 have been added and are directed to systems and methods for preventing process creation of an unauthorized user application executable by an operating system of a computer. As shown in Fig. 1 of the present application, the systems and methods of claims 2-21 involve communication with and modification of the operating system itself. Touboul, on the other hand, provides no communication or modification of the operating system as shown in Fig. 2 and as described in col. 3, lines 55-58.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is

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desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

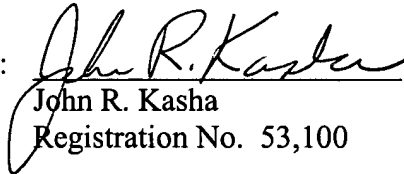
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